THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The monthly quota of rice and wheat for Karnataka as well as for other States/UTs have been fixed under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997. The requirement of rice and wheat for population Below Poverty Line (BPL) has been worked out so as to provide 10 KG foodgrains per family per month. Transitory allocation for population Above Powerty Line (APL) is also being made which has been fixed on the basis of 10 years average lifting minus the BPL quota.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Karnataka have requested for a monthly quota of 1,20,000 MT foodgrains for TPDS as against 75,000 MT fixed for June, 1997. The request has been considered but not be acceded to.

उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत कार्य करने में असमर्थ जिला मंच और अन्य संगठन

1281. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जिला मंच और अन्य संगठन मूलभूत सुविधाओं के अभाव के कारण उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम के अंतर्गत कार्य नहीं कर पा रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): (क) और (ख) जिला मंचों का कार्य निष्पादन पर अपर्याप्त आधार ढांचे और राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों की वित्तीय अड़चनों के कारण प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है। इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए केन्द्र सरकार ने उपभोक्ता न्यायालयों के आधार ढांचे को मजबूत बनाने के लिए 1995-97 के दौरान राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को 54.62 करोड़ रुपए की एकबारगी वित्तीय सहायता मंजूर की है।

Estimates of Foodgrains to be Exported/ Imported in 1997-98

1282. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA-RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of foodgrains, including rice and wheat which will be exported or imported in 1997-98;

(b) whether any bottlenecks exist at ports in India which hinders easy movement; and

(c) if so, the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Govenrment has given authorisation to import 2 Million tonnes of wheat during 1997-98. State Trading Corporation of India has finalised arrangements for import of 1 Million tonnes of wheat from Australia in the first instance. There is no proposal to import rice on Government account during 1997-98.

Government has not authorised any export of foodgrains from the Central Pool during 1997-98.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Schemes sanctioned for the development of food processing industries in Bihar

1283. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes, projects and schemes sanctioned and yet to be sanctioned for the development of food processing industries in Bihar; and

(b) the details of amount sanctioned for each programme, project and scheme for Bihar State?